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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 17 September 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fiftieth session

10 a.m. 128th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors; administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations: financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations: report of the Fifth Committee (Part VI) (A/50/850/Add.5) [113] and [138 (a)].

2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/50/840/Add.2) [114].

3. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (Part III) (A/50/843/Add.2) [120].

4. United Nations common system: report of the Fifth Committee (A/50/844/Add.1) [121].

5. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara: report of the Fifth Committee (Part III) (A/50/819/Add.2) [125].

6. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador: report of the Fifth Committee (Part II) (A/50/818/Add.1) [126].

7. Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters: report of the Fifth Committee (Part V) (A/50/796/Add.4) [128].

8. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia: report of the Fifth Committee (Part III) (A/50/846/Add.2) [134].

9. Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997: report of the Fifth Committee (Part V) (A/50/842/Add.4) [116].

10. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [20].

11. Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990's [24].

12. Question of Palestine [42].

13. The situation in the Middle East [44].

14. The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [45].

15. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [95].

16. Human rights questions [112].

17. Programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 [115].

18. Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping forces in the Middle East [122].

19. Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission [123].

20. Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991) [124].

21. Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping force in Cyprus [131].

22. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia [132].

23. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti [133].

24. Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda [135].

25. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [136].

26. Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan [137].

27. United Nations Decade of International Law [140].

28. Human resources management [159].

29. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [160].

30. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina [167].

31. Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium [168].

32. Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force [169].

33. Minute of silent prayer or meditation [2].

34. Closure of the fiftieth session.

Fifty-first session

3 p.m.	1st PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Opening of the sesssion by the Chairman of the delegation of Portugal.
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation.
3. Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee.
4. Election of the President of the General Assembly.

Immediately following the plenary meeting		General Assembly Hall

Consecutive meetings of the Main Committees for the purpose of electing their Chairmen.

Immediately following the meetings of the Main Committees	2nd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly.

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AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE MID-TERM REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS NEW AGENDA FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICA IN THE 1990s

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 2

Conduct of the mid-term review (A/51/228 and A/51/228/Add.1) [5]

Conclusion of general discussion

WORKING GROUP II

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMME AND OPERATIONAL QUESTIONS (CCPOQ)

Ninth session

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Third regular session

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	28th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

Report on the Management Excellence Programme [7] (E/ICEF/1996/AB/L.13)

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 17 September 1996

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT: OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

AFRICAN GROUP: GROUP OF EXPERTS ON NADAF

1.15 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77
(on the draft ministerial declaration)

2.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 1996

The following documents are available for delegations to retrieve outside room S-2994 (one copy per delegation): E/1996/CRP.3/ Rev.1 (Implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/227 on further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields: provisions related to the Economic and Social Council); and E/1996/ CRP.5 (Implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/227: analysis of the agenda items of the Economic and Social Council and comparison with items considered by the Second and Third Committees of the General Assembly).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 18 September 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 1st meeting Conference Room 4

Organization of the work of the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/BUR/51/1).

COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONY

On Wednesday, 18 September 1996, at 10 a.m., there will be a wreath-laying ceremony commemorating the thirty-fifth anniversary of the death of Dag Hammarsköld, Secretary General of the United Nations from 1953 to 1961, and of those who accompanied him on his last mission of peace.

The wreath will be laid by the Secretary-General, Mr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali, in the public lobby outside the Meditation Room, at 10 a.m., in the presence of delegations and members of the staff who wish to attend.

Subsequently, the Secretary-General will go at 10.15 a.m. to the Northeast Corner of the public lobby, where he will open the exhibit "Dag Hammarskjöld: Markings and Milestones", and will make a short statement. H.E. Mr. Peter Osvald, Permanent Representative of Sweden, will also speak on this occasion.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10 a.m. closed meeting
Conference Room 10
3 p.m. closed meeting

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The 396th meeting of the Committee on Conferences will be held on Thursday, 19 September 1996, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. The agenda for the meeting will be as follows:

Adoption of the draft revised calendar of conferences and meetings for 1997 [2 (a)]

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The Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations will meet on Thursday, 19 September 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. [This meeting of a subsidiary body is subject to the approval by the General Assembly at its fifty-first session.]

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The Extended Bureau of the Committee on Information will hold consultations with the Department of Public Information on Thursday, 19 September 1996, at 12 noon in room S-1027.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Open-ended consultations on the outstanding issues before the resumed session of the Economic and Social Council as well as the Second and Third Committees will take place from 7 to 9 October 1996. The Conference Room will be announced.

The resumed substantive session of 1996 of the Economic and Social Council will be convened on 10 October, and from 13 to 14 November 1996. The provisional agenda for the resumed session is contained in document E/1996/93. The following items will be taken up as follows:

10 October 1996

1. Social, humanitarian and human rights questions: reports of subsidiary bodies, conferences and related questions: Human rights questions [5(d)]

13-14 November 1996

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [1]

   Selection of themes for the High-level and Coordination segments for the 1997 substantive session of the Council

2. Economic and environmental questions: reports of subsidiary bodies, conferences and related questions: follow-up to General Assembly resolution 50/106: business and development [6(i)]

3. Non-governmental organizations [10]

4. Programme and related questions in the economic, social and related fields [11]

5. Implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/227: "Further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields" [13]

6. Elections [14]

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An informal consultation of the Commission on the Status of Women will be convened by the Bureau of the Commission on Wednesday, 18 September 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3. The consultation will begin consideration of the plans for the forty-first session, in accordance with the Commission's agreed conclusions 1996/1. A background paper on this issue has been prepared by the Secretariat of the Division for the Advancement of Women and this paper is available at the offices of the Division, DC2-1250.

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Briefings for new delegates to the General Assembly

The general briefing on the work of the fifty-first session of the General Assembly, organized jointly by the Office of Human Resources Management and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, 18 and 19 September 1996, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The special briefing on the work of the Fifth Committee will be held on Friday, 20 September, at 10 a.m., in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The special briefing on peace-keeping issues will be held on Friday, 20 September, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 16 September 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fiftieth session

126th plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/50/888/Add.11) [120]

The General Assembly took note that Burundi and the Niger had made the necessary payments to reduce their arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization [10]

(a) (i) *Report of the High-level Open-ended Working Group on the Financial Situation of the United Nations (A/50/ 43)*

(ii) *Report of the Fifth Committee* (A/50/1038)

(iii) *Draft decision (A/50/43, para.21)*

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Fifth Committee (A/50/1038).

The representative of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Romania and Slovenia) made a statement.

The General Assembly decided to adopt the draft decision contained in paragraph 21 of the report of the High-level Open-ended Working Group on the Financial Situation of the United Nations (A/50/43).

(b) Informal Open-ended Working Group on an Agenda for Peace

The President made a statement.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 10.

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [47]

(a) Report of the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters Related to the Security Council (A/50/47 and Add.1)

(b) Draft decision (A/50/47, para.36)

The representative of Ukraine made a statement.

The Assembly decided to waive the relevant provision of rule 78 of the rules of procedure, so that it could consider the draft decision contained in paragraph 36 of document (A/50/47).

The Assembly adopted the draft decision contained in paragraph 36 of the report of the Open-ended Working Group (A/50/47).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 47.

Agenda for development [99]

(a) Report of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group of the General Assembly on an Agenda for Development (A/50/45)

(b) Draft decision (A/50/45, sect. III)

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica (on behalf of the States members of the Group of 77 and of China) and Ireland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Malta, Romania and Slovakia).

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision contained in Section III of the report of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group (document A/50/45).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 99.

Strengthening of the United Nations system [163]

(a) Report of the Open-ended High-level Working Group on the Strengthening of the United Nations System A/50/24)

(b) Draft decision (A/50/24, para.19)

The representative of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union and of Latvia and Romania) made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision contained in para. 19 of the report of the Open-ended High-level Working Group (document A/50/24).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 163.

The President made a statement.

The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina [28]

The President recalled that on 22 September 1995, the General Assembly had decided to include this item in the agenda of its fiftieth session.

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of this item to the fifty-first session and to include it in the draft agenda of that session.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 28.

Question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte [35]

The President recalled that on 22 September 1995, the General Assembly had decided to include this item in the agenda of its fiftieth session.

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of this item to the fifty-first session and to include it in the draft agenda of that session.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 35.

Question of Cyprus [55]

The President recalled that on 22 September 1995, the General Assembly had decided to include item 55 in the agenda of its fiftieth session but had deferred a decision on the allocation of the item to an appropriate time during the session.

The Assembly decided to defer consideration of agenda item 55 and to include it in the draft agenda of the fifty-first session.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 55.

Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [151]

The President recalled that on 22 September 1995, the General Assembly had decided to include item 151 in the agenda of its fiftieth session.

The Assembly decided to defer consideration of agenda item 151 and to include it in the draft agenda of the fifty-first session.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 151.

Improving the financial situation of the United Nations [117]

The President recalled that on 22 September 1995, the General Assembly had decided to include item 117 in the agenda of its fiftieth session.

The Assembly decided to defer consideration of agenda item 117 and to include it in the draft agenda of the fifty-first session.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 117.

Financing and liquidation of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia [127]

The President recalled that on 22 September 1995, the General Assembly had decided to include item 127 in the agenda of its fiftieth session.

The Assembly decided to defer consideration of agenda item 127 and to include it in the draft agenda of the fifty-first session.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 127.

Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II [129]

The President recalled that on 22 September 1995, the General Assembly had decided to include item 129 in the agenda of its fiftieth session.

The Assembly decided to defer consideration of agenda item 129 and to include it in the draft agenda of the fifty-first session.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 129.

Financing of the liquidation of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique [130]

The President recalled that on 22 September 1995, the General Assembly had decided to include item 130 in the agenda of its fiftieth session. The President further recalled that an item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique" had been included in the provisional agenda of the fifty-first session.

The Assembly decided to defer consideration of agenda item 130 and to include it in the draft agenda of the fifty-first session under the title "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique".

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 130.

127th plenary meeting

Programme of work

The General Assembly decided to extend the date of the closing of the fiftieth session to Tuesday morning, 17 September 1996.

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 69th meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 [116]

The Committee continued its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the United States, Morocco and Ireland (on behalf of the European Union).

The representatives of the Office of Legal Affairs and Office of Human Resources Management made statements and responded to questions posed.

The Committee proceeded to a vote on draft decision A/C.5/50/L.76, which was adopted by a recorded vote of 55 to31, with 2 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), Japan, Mexico and Morocco.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Closure of the work of the Fifth Committee at the resumed fiftieth session of the General Assembly

The Chairman made a statement.

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AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE MID-TERM REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS NEW AGENDA FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICA IN THE 1990s 1st meeting

Opening of the session [1]

The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, Mr. Hisashi Owada (Japan), opened the session.

The Special Coordinator for Economic and Social Development made a statement.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations addressed the Committee of the Whole.

Election of a Rapporteur [2]

The Committee elected, by acclamation, Mr. Dusan Rovensky (Czech Republic), as Rapporteur of the Committee of the Whole.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [3]

The Committee adopted its agenda as contained in document A/AC.251/4, as orally corrected.

The Committee also approved its organization of work as contained in the annex to document A/AC.251/4.

The Secretary made a statement.

Participation of non-governmental organizations [4]

The Chairman made a statement regarding the participation of non-governmental organizations, as contained in document A/AC.251/5.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

Conduct of the mid-term review [5]

The Committee of the Whole began its consideration of the agenda item.

The Special Coordinator for Africa and the LDCs responded to a question raised by the representative of the United Republic of Tanzania.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cameroon (on behalf of the African Group), Ireland (on behalf of the European Union and the associated countries Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland and Slovenia), Namibia, Uganda and Côte d'Ivoire.

The observer of the Organization of African Unity made a statement.

2nd meeting

The Committee of the Whole continued its consideration of agenda item 5.

The Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund made a statement.

The spokesperson for non-governmental organizations made a statement.

The representatives of Egypt, Senegal, Burkina Faso, China, Pakistan, Norway, Zimbabwe, Tunisia, Guinea, South Africa and Indonesia, made statements.

The observer of the Global Coalition for Africa made a statement.

The representative of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development made a statement.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD
Third regular session 26th and 27th meetings

Note: The summary of the 26th and 27th meetings of the Executive Board will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1996/181).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, adopted at the Fourth Meeting of the Parties at Copenhagen on 25 November 1992

Ratification: Switzerland (16 September 1996)*

Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context, concluded at Espoo (Finland) on 25 February 1991

Accession: Switzerland (16 September 1996)*

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, adopted by the General Assembly on 10 September 1996

It will be recalled that, by resolution A/RES/50/245 of 10 September 1996, the General Assembly adopted the above Treaty at its fiftieth session.

The Treaty will be opened for signature on 24 September 1996. The signature ceremony will commence in the morning at a time to be announced in the Trusteeship Council Chamber and continue until 1 p.m. It will resume at 3 p.m. at the same venue. Delegations intending to sign the Treaty should contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs (room S-3200, telefax: 963-3693, phone: 963-5467). The Treaty Section will establish a list with specific time slots for propective signatories.

If representatives other than Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers of Foreign Affairs intend to sign the Treaty, it is advised that appropriate full powers be submitted in time, preferably in advance of the ceremony, to the Treaty Section.

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Workshop

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library, Department of Public Information, will conduct a workshop on the basics of United Nations documentation and collection management *today*, 17 September 1996, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Library (room L-270) for delegates and staff of Permanent Missions to the United Nations. Pre-registration is required.

The purpose of the workshop is to develop skills in retrieving information and documentation generated by the principal organs of the United Nations and to prepare participants for the effective use of various information resources and technologies available in the Library.

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